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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1419

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, IS, JO
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LOCATION OF EFRAT

REF: JERUSALEM 1403

1. CONGEN OFFICER MAY 19 SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM
OFFICIALS OF BETHLEHEM MUNICIPALITY ON THEIR UNDER-
STANDING OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY IN THEIR
AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE MORE PRECISELY
LOCATION OF PROPOSED ISRAELI SETTLEMENT OF EFRAT.

2. MAYOR BELIEVES A SETTLEMENT, POSSIBLY EFRAT, WILL
BE ESTABLISHED NEAR THE ARABIC VILLAGE OF WADI RAHAL
ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SOLOMON'S POOLS. (APPROXIMATELY
31 40 N. 30 10 E.) (2-TPC/K737S/3053III/053064). MAYOR
SAID BETWEEN 200 TO 300 DUNUMS OF PUBLIC LAND ON THE
TOP OF A HILL ON THE SITE HAVE BEEN RINGED WITH BARRELS.
ALTHOUGH LOCALS HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD WHY THE SITE HAS BEEN
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MARKED OFF, SEVERAL GROUPS OF ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN OVSERVED
INSPECTING THE SITE.

3. MAYOR INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER THAT WORK AT A SITE
TWO KILOMETERS NORTH (REFTEL, PARA 1) WAS CONNECTED
WITH ISRAELI QUARRYING OPERATION, AND THEREFORE, IT WAS NOT,
REPEAT NOT, A LIKELY SETTLEMENT SITE.

3. COMMENT: WADI RAHAL SITE HAS A COMMANDING VIEW OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AS FAR AS JERUSALEM. IT IS ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT OF ELAZAR (NORTHERNMOST OF ETZION BLOC) WHICH IS WITHIN SIGHT.
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